

# WORD ON THE STREET

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## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 168th day of 2013. There are 197 days left in the year.

On this date:  
» In **1397**, the Treaty of Kalmar was signed, creating a union between the kingdoms of Sweden, Denmark and Norway.

» In **1775**, the Revolutionary War Battle of Bunker Hill resulted in a costly victory for the British, who suffered heavy losses.  
» In 1885, the Statue of Liberty arrived in New York Harbor aboard the French ship Isere

» In **1928**, Amelia Earhart embarked on a trans-Atlantic flight from Newfoundland to Wales with pilots Wilmer Stultz and Louis Gordon, becoming the first woman to make the trip as a passenger.

» In **1930**, President Herbert Hoover signed the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act, which boosted U.S. tariffs to historically high levels, prompting foreign retaliation.

» In **1933**, the “Kansas City Massacre” took place outside Union Station in Kansas City, Mo., as a group of gunmen attacked law enforcement officers escorting federal prisoner Frank Nash;

four of the officers were killed, along with Nash.

» In **1940**, France asked Germany for terms of surrender in World War II.

» In **1953**, residents of East Berlin rebelled against the communist East German government, which forcefully suppressed the uprising. U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas stayed the execution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, originally set for the next day, the couple’s 14th wedding anniversary. (They were put to death June 19.)

» In **1961**, Soviet ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev defected to the West while his troupe was in Paris.

» In **1972**, President Richard M. Nixon’s eventual downfall began with the arrest of five burglars inside Democratic national headquarters in Washington, D.C.’s Watergate complex.

» In **1987**, Charles Glass, a journalist on leave from ABC News, was kidnapped in Lebanon. (Glass escaped his captors in August 1987.)

» In **1992**, President George H.W. Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed a breakthrough arms-reduction agreement.

The Associated Press

*The administration at College of the Mainland has proposed firing tenured Professor David Michael Smith.*

## Straight thinking favors keeping Dr. Smith

To hire or not to hire Dr. David Michael Smith at College of the Mainland is a momentous decision. To solve this problem, requires leadership. All great leaders must know where they are going and be able to get others to follow.

Determining the future of Professor Smith will be a challenge. First, Dr. Smith has been given tenure. Next, there may be repercussions to his elimination. Straight thinking would favor keeping the professor, like it or not. A realistic appraisal of the situation is necessary because of some poor decisions by very dysfunctional COM trustees.

A baseball or football game will teach you a lesson in team play rather than gaining individual recognition. A climate of turbulence and uncertainty has prevailed for many months.

The trustees must have clear cut objectives and be able to discern the difference between right and wrong, then go to work and don’t stop until “it’s over, over there.”

It is said that a leader who will not confront is not a leader. Begin the first meeting being kind, patient and respectful to the guiding principal of truth. I look with apprehension concerning the wisdom of the current trustees to correct mistakes.

“If the blind leads the blind, both sides shall fall in a ditch.”

**Clark Hall  
Texas City**

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## Here’s the choice on gun control

The following is a quote from a bill concerning slaves in 1785: “No slave shall keep any arms whatever, nor pass unless with written orders from his master or employer, or in his company, with arms from one place to another” (The Essential Jefferson, Collier Book, 1963, page 140).

Today: “What good does it do to ban some guns? All guns should be banned,” Sen. Howard Metzanbaum, D-Ohio.

Sen. Metzanbaum essentially means this: No citizen shall keep any arms whatever, nor pass, unless with written permission from their master (the central government), from one place to another.

“The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government,” — Thomas Jefferson.

“History shows that all conquerors who



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have allowed their subjected people to carry arms have prepared their own fall” — Adolf Hitler (Edict of 18 March 1939).

The question today on gun control is: Which path is the United States going to follow. That of Thomas Jefferson or Adolf Hitler?

**Robert Hart  
Hitchcock**

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## Guns and smoke screens

Most gun owners support the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and, yes, the National Rifle Association also supports it.

Association members do not want to “do away with it,” as some folks would have you believe.

What many don’t support, like the NRA, is requiring background checks for private sales. Licensed dealers at gun shows

still have to use NICS before sale.

Restricting private sales is a knee-jerk reaction to horrific gun crimes by a few maniacs.

Private sale guns account for a small percentage of gun crime. Straw purchases account for the highest.

Obviously, some folks know nothing about the NRA. If not for the NRA, the gun ownership and sales would not be an issue, as your right to own one would be long gone.

If you sit back and think it cannot happen here in the United States, you have inhaled too much Obama smoke.

Gun banners have been working for decades to get our guns. They will if we let them.

They just know with all these nasty guns gone, we will be free of crime, and our government will take care of us. Too much smoke.

**Chris Hines  
Texas City**

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June 24, 2013	6:30 PM CST	Texas A&M University at Galveston Seawolf Parkway on Pelican Island Class Room Lab Building, Auditorium (Building #3007 on campus map) Galveston, TX 77553
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